

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takashi SUGIHARA et al.  
Title: TESTIS-SPECIFIC DIFFERENTIATION-  
REGULATORY FACTOR  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

~~Claim 4,~~ line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and  
insert --claim 1--

~~Claim 7,~~ line 1, delete "the" and insert --a--

~~line 1,~~ delete "of any one of claims 1 to 3"

~~line 2,~~ delete "the" and insert --a--

~~line 2,~~ delete "of claim 6" and insert --comprising DNA encoding

a' the protein of claim 1--

~~line 3,~~ after "and", insert --then--

~~Claim 8,~~ lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert  
--claim 1--